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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

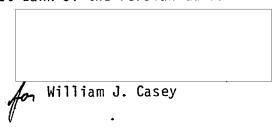
FROM:

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Soviet/Libyan/Cuban Axis in Africa

- 1. We recently did estimates on the Soviets in Africa and the Horn of Africa. Do you think there is a need for a further estimate on the Soviet/Libyan/Cuban axis in Africa which would reflect these subsequent developments:
- A. The Libyan/Ethiopian/South Yemen Pact and its threat to the Sudan and Somalia;
 - B. Prospects for the Soviets and Cubans in Shaba;
- C. Indications of introduction of modern weapons with strong conventional capability by a combination of Soviets, Cubans, and East Germans aimed at Namibia on the east and Mozambique on the west. See the Evans-Novak article in this morning's Post. I would certainly like a reevaluation of the prospects presented and the evidence to support it;
- D. Possibly include the Libyan/Algerian support of the Polisario in the southern Sahara; and
- E. Possibly an extension of the Libyan/Ethiopian/South Yemen Pact to deal with the kind of weapons which the Soviets have stockpiled in South Yemen, their unsuitability to African or North Yemen operations, the match between the Soviets training battalion in Cuba and the tanks and weapons carriers stationed in South Yemen and the terrain in Oman, and the control of Oman over the west bank of the Persian Gulf.



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